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RE: Monthly Progress Report No. 99
Ciba Specialty Chemicals, 180 Mill Street, Cranston, RI 02905
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Dear Mr. Battaglia:

As required by the modified Consent Decree (CD) of September 28, 1992, I am submitting the monthly stabilization progress report for September 1998.

1.0 SUMMARY

Stabilization Plan (IRM)

- **Contaminated groundwater in the Production Area (AOC 13)** -- The groundwater extraction wells 110 and 120, as well as, the pretreatment system continued to operate at reduced capacity due to apparent fouling at the well heads. Rehabilitation of the wells is scheduled to begin the second week of November 1998

Since the initiation on September 29, 1995, the groundwater stabilization pretreatment plant has processed approximately 92.5 million gallons of contaminated groundwater meeting the permit wastewater discharge limits for the City of Cranston, Rhode Island.

- **Soil in the Production Area (SWMU 11)** -- The SVE was shut down on July 16, 1997, due to an odor problem from the unit that could not be immediately corrected. Ciba is now reviewing a possible corrective action that will include other technologies, as well as, the SVE, in order to remove the contamination within the SWMU 11 area.



2.0 DISCUSSION

Well Rehabilitation

Ciba has initiated a contractual agreement with D.L. Maher of North Reading, MA to rehabilitate the purge wells at the site using the Aqua Freed process of carbon dioxide injection. The expected date for the project work will be in the second week of November 1998.

Semiannual Monitoring

The second semiannual monitoring event for 1998 will be completed before the end of the week of October 12, 1998.

3.0 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

- Address remediation in the SWMU 11 area (Mike Goodman)
- Rehabilitation of wells PW-110 and PW-120

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me at 732 914-2537 or fax 732 914-2909.

Sincerely,



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